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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ECIN/EGEN NG

SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERN PROJECT

REF: STATE 134253

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ECOWAS STUDY GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF ITS POORER, LAND-LOCKED MEMBERS. NIGER'S PARTICIPATION APPEARS TO BE BASED ON PERCEPTION THAT IT HAS SOMETHING TO GAIN IN LONG-TERM ALTHOUGH IT STILL IS COVERING BETS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN CEAO UNTIL ECOWAS PROVES ITSELF. ONCE ECOWAS FUNCTIONAL, IT WILL REPRESENT MORE RATIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPING THAN CEAO FROM NIGER'S POINT OF VIEW--THIS PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE IT INCLUDES NIGERIA, WHICH IS NIGER'S SECOND TRADING PARTNER AFTER FRANCE.

2. SOME NIGERIENS AT LEAST VIEW ECOWAS AS NOT IN NIGER'S IMMEDIATE BEST INTERESTS. IT COULD SPELL LOSS IN STATE REVENUES FROM IMPORT DUTIES, SETBACK FOR PROMOTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES, AND WAVE OF NEW IMPORTS THAT COULD AGGRAVATE COMMERCIAL BALANCE. ON OTHER HAND, NIGER IS PLACING SOME HOPES ON EVENTUAL STRUCTURE OF ECOWAS FUND FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT. GON OFFICIALS EXPECT FUND TO COVER LARGE PART OF STATE REVENUES LOST FROM REDUCED IMPORT DUTIES. IN LONGER RANGE NIGER MAINLY LOOKING TO ECOWAS TO UNLOCK MORE WAYS TO THE SEA (DESENCLAVEMENT)

THROUGH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT--HIGHWAYS,  
RAILROADS AND RIVER NAVIGATION. GON OFFICIALS ALSO EXPECT  
ECOWAS TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF NATIONAL ASSWELL  
AS REGIONAL INTEREST-EMPHASIS ON FOOD PROUDCTUION AND MINERALS.

3. IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR ECOWAS STUDY TO ASK IF  
EXPECTATION THAT ECOWAS CAN SERVE AS DEVELOPMENT VEHICLE  
AS WELL AS CUSTOMS UNION IS REASONABLE ONE. DAVISON

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